

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740



2017 Summer Reading

Dear Parents and Students,

Independent reading is a crucial skill that our students must work on over the summer. Reading not only increases vocabulary and expands our knowledge of the world, but it also reinforces language acquisition skills and promotes focused and concentrated industry. As a community of readers, we also know that reading can offer hours of entertainment and enjoyment. Sometimes all it takes is just the right book to turn someone into an avid reader, and we hope that book is somewhere on this list.

This year, the English Department has created a **required** form reading assignment **for all students, new and returning**, to encourage and reinforce the idea of Saint James School as a community of readers. This common experience, and these shared stories, will hopefully create lively and new conversations, friendships, and classroom discussions in our early opening fall days together.

Required Summer Reading:

2nd Form: *The Jumping Tree* by René Saldaña, Jr.

3rd Form: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

4th Form: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines

5th Form: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

6th Form: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

6th Form Advanced Placement English has its own required Summer Reading List.

I want this reading list to have good variety and a sense of personality. The faculty give something of themselves to this project by including their favorite authors and titles along with the recommended books from the various booklists of titles for college preparatory students. While there are plenty of other titles and authors we could choose from, I think we have chosen wisely and well in both fiction and non-fiction this year.

With the encouragement of parents, we would like our students to pursue independent summer reading. **In addition to the required form title above, please select any two books from the lists below.** Using the provided lists as a guide, visit your local libraries and bookstores with our recommended booklist in hand. Explore the list, read the book covers, do some research, talk to other readers; take the time to be an active participant in your education. There is something for everyone on our lists, and we hope you enjoy discovering the pleasure of a good story.

Have a good and safe summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you this coming fall.

Marc Batson, Director of College Counseling

Form 2 (Grade 8)

(Read any two (2) of the following titles)

Adams	<i>Born Free</i>	Collier	<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	Gordon	<i>Waiting for the Rain</i>	Huxley, A.	<i>Brave New World</i>
Alcott	<i>Little Women</i>	Cormier	<i>I Am The Cheese</i>	Grahame	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>	Huxley, E.	<i>The Flame Trees of Thika</i>
Baker	<i>The First Woman Doctor</i>		<i>The Chocolate War</i>				<i>The Mottled Lizard</i>
Baum	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Craven	<i>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</i>	Grey	<i>The Shortstop</i>	Jacques	<i>Redwall</i>
Beagle	<i>The Last Unicorn</i>			Herriot	<i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>		<i>Mariel of Redwall</i>
Borland	<i>When the Legends Die</i>	Fast	<i>April Morning</i>	Heyerdahl	<i>Kon-Tiki</i>	Knowles	<i>A Separate Peace</i>
Boston	<i>An Enemy at Green Knowe</i>	Frank	<i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Hickam	<i>Rocket Boys (October Sky)</i>	Konigsburg	<i>From the Mixed up Files of Mr. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Bradbury	<i>The Martian Chronicles</i>	Forbes	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	Holm	<i>North to Freedom</i>	L'Engle	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Crichton	<i>The Andromeda Strain</i>	Goodman	<i>The Winter Hare Songs From Home</i>	Hunt	<i>Across Five Aprils</i>		
Christopher	<i>The White Mountain</i>						
Claflin	<i>Sojourner Truth and the Struggle for Freedom</i>						

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Lewis *Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze*
 Little *From Anna*
 London *The Call of the Wild White Fang*
 Lord *A Night to Remember*
 Lowry *The Giver*
 Merrill *The Pushcart War*
 McKinley *The Blue Sword The Hero and The Crown*
 Montgomery *Anne of Green Gables (& any other in the series) Emily of New Moon (& any other in the series)*
 Mowat *Never Cry Wolf*
 O'Brien *Z for Zachariah*
 O'Dell *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
 Paulsen *The Dogsong Hatchet Nightjohn*
 Peterson *The Bridge to Terabithia*
 Rawlings *The Yearling*
 Remarque *All Quiet on the Western Front*
 Renault *The King Must Die*
 Rowling *Harry Potter Series*
 Sanders *Clover*
 Sleato *Singularity*
 Steinbeck *The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights*
 Taylor *The Cay*
 Twain *The Prince and The Pauper*
 Voight *Homecoming*
 Wreed *Dealing with Dragons*
 Yep *Dragonwings*
 Zindel *The Pigman*

Feel free to choose titles from the Upper School list.

Upper School Forms 3 - 6 (Grades 9 - 12) (Read any two (2) of the following titles)

Abbott *Flatland*
 Adams *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
 Angelou *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*
 Allende *The House of Spirits*

Arnold *The Dollmaker*
 Asimov *The Fantastic Voyage The Foundation Series*
 Austin *Pride and Prejudice, and others*
 Baldwin *Go Tell It On The Mountain*
 Beagle *A Fine and Private Place*
 Binchy *Circle of Friends The Lilac Bus*
 Bradley *The Mists of Avalon*
 Brinkley *Washington Goes to War*
 Brokaw *The Greatest Generation*
 Brunner *Due South*
 Burger *Sphereland*
 Camus *The Stranger*
 Carr *The Alienist*
 Carter *The Education of Little Tree The Late Shift*
 Cervantes *Don Quixote (part one)*
 Charriere *Papillon*
 Chopin *The Awakening*
 Clancy *The Hunt For Red October, and others*
 Collins *The Moonstone*
 Conroy *Lords of Discipline Prince of Tides Beach Music The Water is Wide*
 Cooper *The Dark is Rising*
 Coupland *Microserfs*
 Dickens *Bleak House*
 Dinesen *Out of Africa*
 Dodd *The Mourner's Bench*
 Donald *Lincoln*
 Eco *The Name of the Rose*
 Esquivel *Like Water For Chocolate*
 Faulkner *As I Lay Dying*
 Feynman *Surely You're Joking Mr. Feynman*
 Finney *Time and Again*
 Flagg *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe Welcome to The World, Baby Girl*
 Florman *The Introspective Engineer*
 Ford *The Good Soldier*
 Frazier *Cold Mountain*
 Fromkin *In the Time of Americans*
 Gaiman *Stardust*
 Gaines *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*
 Golden *Memoirs of a Geisha*

Golding *The Lord of the Flies*
 Goodwin *No Ordinary Time*
 Grisham *The Testament, and many others*
 Hamill *Snow in August*
 Hayslip *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places*
 Heinlein *A Stranger in a Strange Land Starship Troopers*
 Heller *Catch-22*
 Hemingway *The Old Man and the Sea For Whom the Bell Tolls*
 Irving *A Prayer for Owen Meany*
 Joyce *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*
 King *The Last Empress*
 Krakauer *Into Thin Air Into the Wild*
 Lawrence & Lee *Inherit the Wind*
 Least Heat-Moon *Blue Highways*
 Leppek *The Surrogate Assassin*
 Letts *Where the Heart Is*
 Lewis *Arrowsmith*
 Malamud *The Natural*
 Mandela *Long Walk to Freedom*
 Mantel *Eight Months on Gazzah Street*
 Markham *West With The Night*
 Marquez *Hundred Years of Solitude*
 Massie *Drednaught Nicholas & Alexandra*
 Mathabane *Kaffir Boy*
 Mayle *A Year in Provence*
 McBride *The Color of Water*
 McCarthy *All The Pretty Horses*
 McCullers *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*
 McPhee *Coming Into the Country*
 McPherson *Battle Cry of Freedom*
 Michener *Covenant, and others*
 Miller *A Canticle for Leibowitz*
 Morrison *Beloved*
 Neville *Eight*
 O'Connell *Stone Angel*
 Ondaatje *The English Patient*
 Payne *The Confessions of a Taoist on Wall Street*
 Plimpton *The Paper Lion*
 Powell *My American Journey*
 Prange *At Dawn We Slept*
 Price *The Tongues of Angels*

Proulx *The Shipping News*
 Rice *The Witching Hour Interview With a Vampire*
 Rifkin *Entropy*
 Ryan *A Bridge Too Far*
 Sears *Landscape Turned Red*
 Seth *An Equal Music*
 Shaara, J. *Gods and Generals Last Full Measure*
 Shaara, M. *Killer Angels*
 Sinclair *The Jungle*
 Simmons *Hyperion Series*
 Solzhenitsyn *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch*
 Spark *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*
 Steinbeck *The Grapes of Wrath*
 Tan *The Kitchen God's Wife The Hundred Secret Senses*
 Theroux *The Mosquito Coast*
 Tolkien *The Lord of the Rings*
 Toole *A Confederacy of Dunces*
 Trumbo *Johnny Got His Gun*
 Tryon *The Other*
 Turkle *Life on the Screen*
 Tyler *A Patchwork Planet*
 Tyler *Ladder of Years Saint Maybe*
 Uris *Mila-18 Exodus*
 Valens *The Other Side of the Mountain*
 Van Tilburg Clark *The Ox-Bow Incident*
 Walker *The Color Purple*
 Wells *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*
 White *Mama Makes Up Her Mind*
 Wientraub *Long Days Journey into War*
 Winner *The Whale: The Reactor*
 Williams-Garcia *Fast Talk on a Slow Track*
 Woodward & Bernstein *All The President's Men*
 Wolff *This Boy's Life: A Memoir*
 Woolf *To The Lighthouse Orlando*
 Zindel *The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*